

Bits and Pieces: Clemens to discuss her books about local history

By Jacqueline Frederick

The Nipomo Friends of the Library will host the installation of its new board of directors at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18. The event will include guest speaker Betty Clemens, author of “Mary Trejo in Lopez Canyon” and “SLO Bites and Recipes.”

The Trejo book consists of a series of interviews about Trejo’s life in Lopez Canyon, where she grew up, while living with her grandmother.

She shares stories of her youth and Chumash and Mexican traditions from her heritage, as well as songs in the Chumash language she learned as a child.

A copy of “Mary Trejo in Lopez Canyon” is in the Smithsonian Institute, and sections of the book have been reprinted in textbooks.

Clemens will not only share her books, but will also bring cinnamon buns from Old West Cinnamon Rolls, a store she operates in Pismo Beach.

The meeting will take place in the Nipomo Library Community Room, 918 W. Tefft St., and everyone is welcome.

The Nipomo High School Mock Trial team continues to practice under the tutorship of Donna Kandel and lawyer coaches Nancy and David Warren and me.

The team is practicing their attorney and witness roles several times weekly in preparation for the countywide competition Feb. 6.

They will portray both prosecution and defense cases during the competition, which will be judged by San Luis Obispo County judges and scored by local lawyers. The team with the highest score after the weeklong competition will compete at the state level. The team will start scrimmaging this weekend, and anyone who wishes to help may call me at 929-1120.

Start looking for changes to some of the properties in Olde Towne. The former antique store property has been sold and is undergoing renovation. No word yet on what new business will be going in.

The little house to the west of that store has also been sold and is being refurbished. A new restaurant, Pacific Breeze, has applied for a permit to open up the building toward the front and create a patio dining space.

And the Clamshell House will undergo a landscape restoration to include a community English-style garden.

On Jan. 8, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Jack Komar rendered his decision in connection with the Phase 5 of the water litigation.

Only two groups of landowners continued to that phase of the case, the Land Owners Group, known as LOG and consisting of owners of larger parcels in the Santa Maria Valley and a few on the Nipomo

Mesa, and the Wineman Group.

Essentially, the court intends to enter a judgment in favor of the public water producers against LOG, Wineman and all defaulting parties.

So people who were served with the lawsuit but elected to ignore it will be subject to the judgment.

Most of the landowners who participated in the earlier phases of the litigation signed a stipulation after trial resolving the remaining issues and, therefore, will not be bound by this judgment in favor of the public water companies, which includes Nipomo Community Services District.

The judgment will be prepared for the judge's review and signature to take place at a hearing Feb. 13.

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